

[0028] What is claimed is:

1. A method for creating a software installation package for an installation of an Operating System (OS) software program and of an application program on a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

a) inserting the application program in a partition data of the OS software program;

5 and

b) generating the software installation package comprising both the OS software program and the application program.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising prior to step a) the step of:

c) determining a location in the partition data of the OS software program where to insert the application program.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising prior to step b) the steps of:

c) inserting a configuration file of the application program in the partition data of the OS software program.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising prior to step c) the step of:

d) determining a second location in the partition data of the OS software program where to insert the configuration file of the application program.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein:

step d) comprises the step of:

d.1) identifying a memory disk image in the OS partition data;

step c) comprises the step of:

5 c.1) inserting the configuration file of the application program in the memory disk image of the partition data of the OS software program.

6. The method of claim 3, further comprising prior to step b) the step of:
 c) updating a boot sector of the OS partition data of the OS software program to reflect a size of the OS software program following the insertion of the configuration file.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising, subsequent to step b), the step of:
 storing the software installation package on a data storage medium.

8. The method claimed in claim 7, wherein the data storage medium is a data storage medium selected from the group of data storage media consisting of: a floppy disk, a compact flash card, a PCMCIA card, and a Compact Disk (CD).

9. A data storage medium comprising a software installation package for an installation of an Operating System (OS) software program and of an application program on a computer system, wherein the software installation package comprises the OS software program and the application program, and wherein the application program is
5 stored in a partition data of the OS software program.

10. The data storage medium of claim 9, wherein the OS software program further comprises a configuration file of the application program.

11. The data storage medium of claim 10, wherein the configuration file is stored in a memory disk image of the partition data of the OS software program

12. The data storage medium claimed in claim 9, wherein the data storage medium is a data storage medium selected from the group of data storage media consisting of: a floppy disk, a compact flash card, a PCMCIA card, and a Compact Disk (CD).

13. A method for using a software installation package for an installation of an Operating System (OS) and of an application program on a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

5 a) starting the computer system on a data storage medium that stores a software installation package for an installation of an OS software program and of an application program, wherein the software installation package comprises the OS software program and the application program, and wherein the application program is stored in a partition data of the OS software program;

10 b) installing the OS software program on the computer system from the data storage medium; and

c) installing the application program on the computer system from the data storage medium.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the OS software program further comprises a configuration file of the application program.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the configuration file is stored in a memory disk image of the partition data of the OS software program.

16. The method claimed in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

d) configuring the application program using information from the configuration file.

17. The method claimed in claim 13, wherein the data storage medium is a data storage medium selected from the group of data storage media consisting of: a floppy disk, a compact flash card, a PCMCIA card, and a Compact Disk (CD).